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## **Statement by Council President Steve Silverman on Release of Proposed Operating Budget**

"The County Executive deserves thanks for his hard work in putting together a budget that goes a long way toward matching our critical needs as a County with our available resources.

"This budget proposal reflects the importance of good schools to our future as a County. It recognizes the need for the County to do all it can to tackle the traffic congestion problem that hurts our quality of life. This budget also focuses serious attention on the continuing challenges we face in maintaining top-notch police and fire protection.

"We look forward to working closely with the County Executive and with the community in crafting a final budget that advances our County's future – in the year to come and beyond."

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